AN ORDINANCE OF THE LORDS and COMMONS Assembled in PARLIAMENT: FOR The Calling of an Assembly OF Learned and Godly Divines to be consulted with by the PARLIAMENT For the setling Of the Government and Liturgy of the CHVRCH of ENGLAND.

And for Vindicating and Clearing the Doctrine of the said Church from false Aspersions and Interpretations; as shall be most agreeable to the Word of God.

With the Names of all the Ministers appointed for the same.

Die Lunæ, 12. *Jun.* 1643.

ORdered by the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, That this Ordinance be forthwith printed and published. *Joh. Brown Cler. Parliamentorum.*

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An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons in Parliament, for the calling of an Assembly of learned and godly Divines, and others, to bee consulted with, by the Parliament, for the setling of the Government and Liturgy of the Church of *England*, and for vindicating and clearing of the Doctrine of the said Church from false aspertions and interpretations.

WHereas amongst the infinite blessings of Almighty God upon this Nation, none is, or can be more deare unto us, then the purity of our Religion, and that for as yet many things remaine in the Liturgy, Discipline, and Government of the Church, which doe necessarily require a further and more perfect Reformation, then as yet hath been attained: And whereas it hath been declared and resolved by the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, That the present Church-government by Archbishops, Bishops, their Chancellors, Commissaries, Deans, Deans and Chapters, Archdeacons, and other Ecclesiasticall Officers depending upon the Hierarchy, is evill and justly offensive and burthensome to the Kingdom, a great impediment to reformation & growth of Religion, & very prejudiciall to the State and Government of this Kingdom, and that therefore they are resolved that the same shall be taken away, & that such a government shall be setled in the Church, as may be most agreeable to Gods holy Word, and most apt to procure & preserve the Peace of the Church at home, and neerer agreement with the Church of *Scotland*, and other reformed Churches abroad, & for the better effecting hereof,

and for the vindicating, and clearing of the doctrine of the Church of *England* from all falſe calumnies and aſperſions, It is thought fit and neceſſary to call an Aſſembly of learned, godly, and judicious Divines, who together with ſome members of both the Houſes of Parliament are to conſult and adviſe of ſuch matters and things, touching the premiſes, as ſhall be propoſed unto them by both or either of the Houſes of Parliament, and to give their advice and counſell therein, to both or either of the ſaid Houſes, when and as often as they ſhall be thereunto required. Be it therefore ordained by the Lords and Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, That all and every the perſons hereafter in this preſent Ordinance named, that is to ſay, *Algernon* Earle of Northumberland, *William* Earle of Bedford, *Philip* Earle of Pembroke and Montgomery, *William* Earle of Salisbury, *Henry* Earl of Holland, *Edward* Earle of Mancheſter, *William* Lord Viſcount Say and Seal, *Edward* Lord Viſcount Conway, *Philip* Lord *Wharton*, *Edward* Lord Howard of Eſtr. *John Selden* Eſqu. *Francis Rous* Eſqu. *Edmund Prideaux* Eſqu. Sir *Henry Vane* Knight ſenior, *John Glyn* Eſqu. Recorder of London, *John White* Eſqu. *Bouldſtrode Whitlocke* Eſqu. *Humphrey Salloway* Eſqu. Mr. Serjeant *Wild*, *Oliver Saint John* Eſqu. His Majeſties Solicitor, Sir *Benjamin Rudyard* Knight, *Iohn Pym* Eſqu. Sir *John Clotworthy* Knight, *John Maynard* Eſqu. Sir *Henry Vane* Knight junior, *William Pierpoint* Eſqu. *William Wheeler* Eſqu. Sir *Thomas Barrington* Knight, *Walter Yong* Eſqu. Sir *John Evelin* Knight, *Herbert Palmer* of Aſhwell Batchellor in Divinity, *Oliver Boles* of Sutton Batchellour in Divinity, *Henry Wilkinſon* of Waddeſoon Batchellor in Divinity, *Thomas Valentine* of Chalfont Giles Batchellor in Diuinity, Dr. *William Twiſſe* of Newbury, *William Reynor* of Egham, Mr. *Hannibal Gammon* of Maugan, Mr. *Jaſper Hicks* of Lawrick, Dr. *Joſhua Hoyle* late of Dublin in Ireland, *William Bridges* of Yarmouth, *Thomas Wincop* of Elleſworth Doctor in Divinity, *Thomas Goodwin* of London Batchellor in Divinity, *John Ley* of Budworth in Cheſhire, *Thomas Caſe* of London, *John Pyne* of Bereferrers, Mr. *Whidden* of Mooreton: Dr. *Richard Love* of Ekington, Dr. *William Gouge* of Backfriers London, Dr. *Ralph*

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London, *Anthony Burgesse* of Sutton Coldfield, *Richard Vines* of Calcot, *William Greenehill* of Stepney, *William Moreton* of Newcastle; *Richard Buckley*, Dr. *Thomas Temple* of Battersey, *Simeon Ashe* of Saint Brides, Master *Nicholson*, *Thomas Gattaker* of Rotherhithe Batchelour in Divinity, *Iames Weldy* of Sylatten, Doctor *Christopher Pashley* of Hawarden, *Henry Tozer* Batchelour in Divinity, *William Spurstow* of Hampden in Com. *Bucks*, *Francis Channell* of Oxon, *Edward Ellis* of Gilsfield Batchelour in Divinity, Doctor *Iohn Hacket* of St. Andrews Holborne, *Samuel de la Place*, *John de la March*, *Matthew Newcomen* of Dedham, *William Lyford* of Sherborne in Com. Dorset, M. *Carter* of Dynton in Com. Bucks. *William Lance* of Harrow in Middlesex, *Thomas Hodges* of Kensington in Com. Middlesex, *Andreas Perne* of Wilby in Com. Northampton, Dr. *Thomas Westfield* of Saint Bartholemew le great London Bishop of Bristoll, Dr. *Henry Hammon* of Penshurst in Kent, *Nicholas Prophet* of Marlborough in Com. Wilts, *Peter Sterry* of London, *Iohn Erle* of Bishopston in Com. Wilts, Mr. *Gibbon* of Waltham, *Henry Painter* of Exceter Batchelour in Divinity, M. *Michelthwaite* of Cherryburton, Doctor *Iohn Wincop* of St. Martins in the fields, M. *Price* of Pauls Church in Covent garden, *Henry Wilkinson Junior* Batchelour in Divinity, D. *Richard Oldsworth* Master of Emanuel Colledge in Cambridge, Master *William Duning* of Coloaston, and such other person and persons, as shall be nominated and appointed by both Houses of Parliament, or so many of them as shal not be letted by sicknes or other necessary impediment, shal meet & assemble, and are hereby required and enjoyned upon summons signed by the Clerks of both Houses of Parliament, left at their severall respective dwellings, to meet and assemble themselves at *Westminster* in the Chappell called King *Henry* the sevenths Chappell on the first day of *July* in the yeere of our Lord one thousand six hundred forty three: & after the first meeting, being at least of the number of forty, shall from time to time sit and be removed from place to place, & also that the said Assembly shall be dissolved in such manner as by both Houses of Parliament shall be directed; And the said persons, or so many of them as shall be

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ſo Aſſembled, or ſit, ſhall have power and Authority, and are heroby likewiſe enjoyned, from time to time during this preſent Parliament, or untill further Order be taken, by both the ſaid Houſes, to conferre and treat amongſt themſelves of ſuch matters and things, touching and concerning the Liturgy, diſcipline and Government of the Church of *England*, or the vindicating and clearing of the doctrine of the ſame from all falſe aſpertions and miſconſtructions, as ſhall be propoſed unto them by both or either of the ſaid Houſes of Parliament, and no other, and to deliver their Opinions and Adviſes of, or touching the matters aforeſaid, as ſhall be moſt agreeable to the Word of God, to both or either of the ſaid Houſes, from time to time, in ſuch manner and ſort, as by both or either of the ſaid Houſes of Parliament ſhal be required, and the ſame not to divulge by printing, writing, or otherwiſe, without the conſent of both or either Houſe of Parliament. And be it further Ordained by the Authority aforeſaid, that *William Twiſſe* Doctor in Divinity ſhall ſit in the Chaire as Prolocutor of the ſaid Aſſembly, & if he happen to die, or be letted by ſickne or other neceſſary impediment, then ſuch other perſon to be appointed in his place as ſhall be agreed on by both the ſaid Houſes of Parliament; And in caſe any difference in Opinion ſhall happen amongſt the ſaid perſons ſo aſſembled, touching any the matters that ſhall be propoſed to them as aforeſaid, that then they ſhall repreſent the ſame, together with the reaſons thereof to both or either the ſaid Houſes reſpectively, to the end ſuch further direction may be given therein as ſhall be requiſite in that behalfe. And be it further Ordained by the Authority aforeſaid, That for the Charges and Expences of the ſaid Divines, and every of them, in attending the ſaid ſervice, there ſhall be allowed unto every of them that ſhall ſo attend, during the time of their ſaid attendance, and for ten daies before and ten daies after the ſumme of foure ſhillings for every day, at the charges of the Common-wealth, at ſuch time and in ſuch manner as by both Houſes of Parliament ſhall be appointed. And be it further Ordained, That all and every the ſaid Divines, ſo as aforeſaid required and enjoyned to meet and aſſemble, ſhal be freed & acquitted

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of and from every offence, forfeiture, penalty, losse or damage which shall or may arise or grow by reason of any non-residence or absence of them or any of them, from his or their, or any of their Church, Churches, or Cures, for, or in respect of their said attendance upon the said Service, any Law or Statute of Non-residence, or other Law or Statute enjoyning their attendance upon their respective Ministeries or Charges to the contrary thereof notwithstanding; And if any of the persons before named shall happen to dye before the said Assembly shall be dissolved by Order of both Houses of Parliament, then such other person or persons shall be nominated and placed in the roome and stead of such person and persons so dying, as by both the said Houses shall be thought fit and agreed upon: And every such person or persons so to be named shall have the like Power and Authority, Freedome, and acquittall to all intents and purposes, and also all such wages and allowances for the said service, during the time of his or their attendance, as to any other of the said persons in this Ordinance is by this Ordinance limited and appointed. Provided alwaies that this Ordinance or any thing therein contained, shall not give unto the persons aforesaid, or any of them, nor shall they in this assembly assume to exercise any Jurisdiction, Power, or Authority Ecclesiasticall whatsoever, or any other Power, then is herein particularly expressed.

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